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## DOH-PINELLAS HIGHLIGHTS RECENT EFFORTS IN PROVIDING COVID-19 VACCINE

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas), in partnership with the Florida Department of Health, Florida Division of Emergency Management and Pinellas County Government, is providing COVID-19 vaccination sites.

To keep Florida residents and visitors safe and aware regarding the status of the virus, DOH-Pinellas will continue to issue this update every week.

County health departments have an important role to play in administering vaccine. Here's a summary of some of our top efforts during Feb. 15-21:

- DOH-Pinellas continues to work with faith-based communities and community groups to promote health equity in COVID-19 vaccinations. On Feb. 18, staff provided vaccines at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and at Greater Mt. Zion AME on Feb. 20. Second doses were provided on Feb. 19 at First Baptist Institutional and on Feb. 20 at Southside Tabernacle. DOH-Pinellas provided 1,384 first doses at those predominantly African American faith communities where individuals would have otherwise had difficult access based on technology, transportation or social barriers. More outreach events are in the planning stages for the coming weeks to target other underserved communities.
- Governor DeSantis visited Pinellas County on Feb. 18 to promote an outreach at Mainlands of Tamarac, a senior community that received 3,000 doses for a three-day vaccination event. Pinellas County Emergency Management has been working with DOH-Pinellas on similar senior community outreach events for greater access.
- The Governor announced the 2-millionth vaccine in Florida during the same Pinellas stop when he visited a World War II veteran's home in Pinellas for a national segment on Fox News.
- A new vaccination site opened in Largo to provide 2,000 vaccines a day this week. The Pinellas Central Vaccination site is a partnership with Pinellas County Government. It has been getting very good reviews from seniors for its efficiency and planning. Four other community sites in Palm Harbor, Largo, Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg are also providing vaccinations.
- DOH-Pinellas continues to work with partners that include Pinellas County Government, Pinellas County Emergency Management, fire departments, cities, faith-based communities and community organizations.

DOH-Pinellas continues to fight to protect health and safety as the rollout of COVID-19 vaccine continues.

Residents 65 and older who got their first dose after booking through the CDR HealthPro portal should have already scheduled a second appointment time. To verify appointment times, log in to the patient portal: <https://www.patientportalfl.com>.

For up-to-date information on vaccine availability in Pinellas County, visit <https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/vaccines/>

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